IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATESVILLE DIVISION

DOCKET NO. 5:16cr65

| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | |
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| Plaintiff, |))) | ORDER OF FORFEITURE |
| v. |) | |
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| JOSEPH HOWARD DAVIS, |) | |
| |) | |
| Defendant. |) | |

In the Superseding Bill of Indictment in this case, the United States sought forfeiture of property of the Defendant as property that was used or intended to be used to facilitate the crime(s) charged, which would be subject to forfeiture under 18 U.S.C. § 924(d), 21 U.S.C. §853, and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

Defendant was convicted at trial by the jury on Count Four in the Superseding Bill of Indictment and was adjudged guilty of the offense charged in that count. Based on evidence already on record, including the Defendant's conviction, the Government has established the requisite nexus between the property and such offenses.

It is therefore ORDERED:

1. Based upon Defendant's conviction, the United States is authorized to seize the following property belonging to Defendant, and it is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition according to law, provided, however, that such forfeiture is subject to any and all third party claims and interests, pending final adjudication herein:

One Springfield Model 87A .22 caliber rifle, serial number 2223093 and ammunition; and $\,$

One Winchester Model 77 .22 caliber rifle, serial number 121181 and ammunition.

Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the Government shall publish notice of this

order; notice of its intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may

direct; and notice that any person, other than the defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in

any of the above-listed forfeited property must file a petition with the Court within thirty days of

the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier. This notice shall

state that the petition shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged

interest in the property, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set

forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in each of the forfeited properties

and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought. The United States

may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have

alleged an interest in property that is the subject of this Order of Forfeiture, as a substitute for

published notice as to those persons so notified.

3. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of

Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

4. If no third party files a timely claim, this Order of forfeiture shall become Final and

shall be made part of the sentence and included in the judgment, as provided by Fed. R. Crim. P.

32.2(b)(4) and 32.2(c)(2).

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Signed: October 10, 2017

Richard L. Voorhees

United States District Judge